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TAGS: CASC, PREL, PHUM, CH, US
SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY TARNOFF SUMMONS CHINESE CHARGE
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TO PROTEST CONTINUING DETENTION OF HARRY WU

REF: (A) STATE 158669 AND PREVIOUS; (B) BEIJING 28686 AND
PREVIOUS

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENWIRE TEXT .

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SUMMARY

2. ON JULY 3, UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS PETER TARNOFF SUMMONED CHINESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ZHOU WENZHONG TO THE DEPARTMENT TO PROTEST THE CONTINUED DETENTION AND LACK OF CONSULAR ACCESS TO AMERICAN CITIZEN HARRY WU THIS WAS THE THIRD DEMARCHE TO THE CHINESE ON THE ISSUE IN THE PAST 6 DAYS. TARNOFF CAUTIONED THAT THIS MATTER HAS REACHED A POINT OF "EXTREME GRAVITY" FOR THE UNITED STATES AFTER READING POINTS FROM A PREPARED TEXT TARNOFF NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD "PERSONALLY INSTRUCTED" HIM TO IMMEDIATELY CONVEY THE SECRETARY'S

CONCERNS AND TO ENSURE THAT THESE CONCERNS ARE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN. AS TIME GOES ON, TARNOFF STRESSED, WE CANNOT HELP BUT WORRY ABOUT THE MOTIVES BEHIND HANDLING AN AMERICAN CITIZEN IN THIS "INHUMANE WAY AND IN "CLEAR VIOLATION OF OUR CONSULAR AGREEMENT " HE REITERATED OUR DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE CONSULAR ACCESS TO HARRY WU

3. IN RESPONSE, ZHOU INDICATED [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
OUR INTEREST, TARNOFF RESPONDED IS THAT WU IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN IF CHINA BELIEVED THERE HAD BEEN VIOLATIONS OF OUR CONSULAR AGREEMENT, TARNOFF ADDED, CHINA SHOULD HAVE MADE IT KNOWN TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HE EXPRESSED DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT ZHOU WAS REFERRING TO RECENT VIOLATIONS.

4. [REDACTED]

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TARNOFF SAID HE WOULD ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AT

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A LATER DATE; THE ONLY ISSUE HE WAS PREPARED TO ADDRESS NOW WAS THE CASE OF HARRY WU. END SUMMARY.

U S. CONCERNS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO FM QIAN'S ATTENTION

5. UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS PETER TARNOFF SUMMONED CHINESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ZHOU WENZHONG TO THE DEPARTMENT ON JULY 3, AT THE PERSONAL INSTRUCTION OF SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER. ZHOU WAS ACCOMPANIED BY POLITICAL
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COUNSELOR LU SHUMIN SECOND SECRETARY ZHENG ZEGUANG
ECONOMIC COUNSELLOR JIANG XIAOQUIANG, AND THIRD SECRETARY
SHENG BAOLIANG. EAP DAS KENT WIEDEMANN AND EAP/CM DIANE
KELLY (NOTETAKER) ALSO ATTENDED.

6. IN A BRIEF AND FOCUSED MEETING U/S TARNOFF CAUTIONED THAT THIS MATTER HAS REACHED A POINT OF "EXTREME GRAVITY" FOR THE UNITED STATES. AFTER READING POINTS FROM A

PREPARED TEXT (PARA 11), TARNOFF NOTED THAT SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER HAD "PERSONALLY INSTRUCTED" HIM TO IMMEDIATELY CONVEY THE SECRETARY'S CONCERNS AND TO ENSURE THAT THESE CONCERNS ARE BROUGHT TO THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN. HE TERMED MR. WU'S CASE A MATTER OF "HIGHEST PRIORITY" FOR THE USG. AS TIME PASSES TARNOFF STRESSED, WE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT MR. WU'S HEALTH AND WELL BEING AND ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE MOTIVES IN HANDLING AN AMERICAN CITIZEN IN THIS "INHUMANE" WAY AND IN "CLEAR VIOLATION OF OUR CONSULAR AGREEMENT." HE REITERATED OUR DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE CONSULAR ACCESS TO HARRY WU. HE AGAIN STRESSED THE SECRETARY'S STRONG PERSONAL CONCERN IN THIS CASE WHICH IS ALSO A MATTER OF HIGHEST URGENCY FOR OTHER SENIOR USG OFFICIALS.

WU HAS BROKEN LAWS; US HAS ALSO VIOLATED CONSULAR AGREEMENTS

7. IN RESPONSE, ZHOU TOLD TARNOFF THAT [REDACTED]

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8. TARNOFF REPLIED THAT MR . WU IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. WE TAKE THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS ABROAD VERY SERIOUSLY. WE ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED THAT MR. WU HAS DISAPPEARED. WE WANT TO SEE HIM AND WE WANT TO CONFIRM THAT HE IS IN GOOD HEALTH TARNOFF STATED. TARNOFF ADDED THAT SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER WANTED HIS MESSAGE TO BE CONVEYED URGENTLY TO FOMIN QIAN.

9. IF CHINA BELIEVED THERE WERE VIOLATIONS OF OUR CONSULAR AGREEMENT, TARNOFF ADDED, CHINA SHOULD HAVE MADE THIS KNOWN TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. TARNOFF QUESTIONED, HOWEVER, WHETHER ZHOU WAS REFERRING TO RECENT VIOLATIONS .

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[REDACTED] TARNOFF
REJOINED THAT THE ONLY SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE HE WAS PREPARED
TO ADDRESS WAS MR. WU'S CASE AND THAT WE AWAITED A
RESPONSE FROM THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT EITHER IN BEIJING OR
WASHINGTON TARNOFF NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD
PROVIDE A RESPONSE ON THE TAIWAN ISSUE AT A LATER DATE.

PREPARED TEXT - CONSULAR ACCESS TO HARRY WU

11 . MEETING WITH CHINESE CHARGE ZHOU WENZHONG
JULY 3, 1995

DETENTION OF AMERICAN CITIZEN PETER H. (HARRY) WU
-- AMERICAN CITIZEN HARRY WU HAS BEEN DETAINED SINCE JUNE
19, EVIDENTLY IN THE BORDER TOWN OF HORGAS IN XINJIANG
PROVINCE.

-- YOUR GOVERNMENT NOTIFIED OUR EMBASSY IN BEIJING ON JUNE
23, WITHIN THE 4-DAY LIMIT STIPULATED IN THE U.S.-CHINA
BILATERAL CONSULAR AGREEMENT.

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-- OUR CONSUL GENERAL IN BEIJING REQUESTED A STATUS
REPORT, ENUMERATION OF ANY CHARGES LODGED AGAINST WU AND
AGREEMENT FOR A CONSULAR VISIT FROM THE MFA ON MONDAY,
JUNE 26 .

-- WE HAVE HAD SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WITH THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY CONSULAR AFFAIRS BUREAU . THE RESULTS OF THESE
MEETINGS HAVE BEEN INCONCLUSIVE AND UNSATISFACTORY.

-- THE CHINESE SIDE HAS INFORMED US THAT THE REQUEST FOR A
CONSULAR VISIT TO MR. WU IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION, BUT
HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED.

MR WU'S PRECISE LOCATION AND
CONDITION HAS NOT BEEN DISCLOSED. WE HAVE NOT BEEN
INFORMED OF ANY FORMAL CHARGES OR OF MR. WU'S IMMINENT
RELEASE OR DEPORTATION . GIVEN THE TIME THAT HAS ELAPSED,
THESE RESPONSES ARE LEGALLY AND MORALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

-- AS YOU KNOW, WE TAKE THE SECURITY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

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OVERSEAS VERY SERIOUSLY

-- ACCORDING TO OUR BILATERAL CONSULAR AGREEMENT, A CONSULAR VISIT SHOULD TAKE PLACE "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT AT THE LATEST SHALL NOT BE REFUSED AFTER 2 DAYS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH" YOUR GOVERNMENT NOTIFIED US OF HIS DETENTION.

-- I CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY OUR REQUEST FOR CONSULAR ACCESS HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED. I STRONGLY URGE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT ADHERE TO OUR CONSULAR AGREEMENT AND APPROVE
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THIS REQUEST IMMEDIATELY

-- BECAUSE THE CHINESE SIDE HAS NOT COOPERATED IN FOLLOWING THE PLAIN MEANING OF OUR CONSULAR AGREEMENT WE CHOSE TO SEND AN AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICIAL TO HORGAS TO SEEK CONSULAR ACCESS TO MR. WU.

-- THE OFFICIAL ARRIVED IN HORGAS ON JULY 2, AND CONTACTED PUBLIC SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUREAU OFFICIALS TO REQUEST ACCESS TO MR. WU. BOTH DEPARTMENTS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE CASE, DENYING THAT ANY PERSON NAMED PETER H. WU HAD EVER BEEN IN HORGAS. WE FIND THIS CURIOUS SINCE LAST WEEK YOUR FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID MR. WU HAD BEEN DETAINED THERE

-- MR. WU'S DETENTION IS UNFORTUNATE NOT ONLY IN ITSELF, BUT OCCURS AT A TIME WHEN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IS TROUBLED BY OTHER SERIOUS ISSUES. I BELIEVE THAT WE BOTH HAVE A CLEAR-CUT INTEREST IN PUTTING MR. WU'S CASE BEHIND US, AND MOVING AHEAD TO DEVOTE DUE ATTENTION TO IMPROVING OUR BILATERAL TIES. CONVERSELY, IF MR. WU'S CASE IS NOT RESOLVED QUICKLY, IT IS PLAIN THAT THE CONSEQUENCES WILL NOT BE LIMITED TO HIS OWN SITUATION

-- FINALLY LET ME REITERATE CLEARLY: WE URGE YOUR GOVERNMENT TO FACILITATE OUR IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO HARRY WU AND THAT HE BE RELEASED PROMPTLY

CHRISTOPHER

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